

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 10th January 2012 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, M. Berry, C. Bloor, M. Gordon, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, A. Hiles, S. Maddison, R. Partridge, M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

Apologies: County Councillor M. Campbell, Councillors J. Carr, P. Mollon and Mrs M.L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong, G.F. Smith (Clerk).

001/12 Declaration of Interest

Councillors C. Bloor, M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 7a(iii) Allotments.
Councillor S Maddison - agenda item 11c Planning Matters; 56 East Clere, Langley Park

002/12 Police Report

No report/no PACT meeting in January.

003/12 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 13th December 2011

Amendments:-

Page 1 – Reports (183/11) Parish A) 1) Councillor Heartfield should read Councillor Renneberg.

Page 2 – Reports (183/11) Members C) (ii) Esh Residents Association; Councillor Sands should read Councillor Gordon.

Page 2 - Reports (183/11) Members C) (1) E-Tape Cycle ride 2012; Penine should read Pennine.

Subject to the above amendments Members agreed the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

004/12 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

005/12 Presentation by Helen Brown (DRCC)

Postponed until February Parish Council meeting.

006/12 Reports

A) Parish

Outstanding items: -

i) Zurich Insurance PLC

No further update, Clerk to chase up CDALC/NALC for legal opinion

ii) Youth Provision

Councillor B Armstrong updated the meeting, DISC hope to start in February 2012.

i) rat problem at the E of D allotments/Garden Avenue

No further update from DCC (Paul Rutherford), Clerk to chase this matter up.

New Items:-

1) Review of committees for the AGM

Members agreed for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to review the committee system that has been in place for one year and to prepare a report for the AGM in May.

2) Additional I T classes during January/February

Members agreed for the I T officer to work with UK Online, Jobcentre Plus and NHS Choices to provide four additional one hour sessions in the Gordon Coulson I T Suite on a Friday . The campaign will focus on three services, finding work, discovering more about pensions and benefits and learning more about your health. Members requested a report from the I T officer to the February Parish Council meeting.

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell - no report

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on:-

i) All Saints Youth Centre

ii) Drop kerb near the Working Mens Club, Langley Park

iii) The Fold, Quebec

iv) AAP Board meeting

v) Medium Term Financial Planning

Councillor Berry asked about progress on the environment works near Londis shop, Langley Park. County Councillor Armstrong to check progress with County Council officers and report back to the Parish Council.

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

i) Olympic Torch

Awaiting further details from DCC (Nigel Dodds)

ii) E-Tape Pennine Bike Ride in 2012

Public meeting at Esh to be arranged (16th February)

New items:-

1) Complaints about horse droppings on Esh pavements (Councillor Sands)

Clerk to inform the Police

2) Parking outside St Michael's Church, Esh

Clerk to inform the Police.

3) Litter picking team at Langley Park

Councillor Berry updated the meeting on the work being carried out by this group (looking for new members).

007/12 The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park

Councillor B Armstrong updated the meeting of the Working Group which met at the premises on Saturday 7th January 2012.

All of the group are in favour of the renovation work needed, the building is drying out with only the ceiling and timbers of the flat roof area still showing signs of dampness. It was agreed that all fittings (cupboards, kitchen, etc and stoothing walls) be stripped out.

Access to the toilet area needs addressing, possible installation of additional toilet at the opposite side of the building

It was also agreed for the need for a ground floor plan. Provisional quotations have been received (£182,000 and £128,000), other Building contractors have asked for floor plans. Some funding has been pledged by County Councillors Armstrong and Campbell and money in the Mining Memorial Group (£3500)

Other possible funding could be raised from various funding bodies (Coalfield Regeneration, Awards for All, EDF Wind Farm, Energy Savings Trust and others)

The Parish Council could apply for funding from the Public Works Loan Board (low interest fixed term loans).

Members agreed to apply to the AAP small grants fund for up to £400 towards the cost of an architect to produce a ground floor plan of the building and for the EQUaL Partnership to complete the application form.

008/12 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

Members expressed their concerns at the lack of progress in resolving this matter (ie demolition of the building). Clerk to contact County Councillor Armstrong/Terry Collins (DCC) to progress this as a matter of urgency.

009/12 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 190 to 208 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

010/12 Planning Matters

Members agreed that this item should be reported to the Council by the Planning committee.

011/12 Correspondence

Items for Discussion:-

A) Langley Park Play Group – application for funding
Application declined, review at the year end.

Items for information:-

- B) DCC – Free School meals campaign
- C) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine; January 2012
- D) LinK County Durham newsletter; December 2011
- E) CDALC – Smaller and Medium Parish Council Forum; 17th February at Peterlee (Councillor Sands and Clerk to attend).

012/12 Community Partnership (EQUaL) Committee

No report.

013/12 Environment Committee

No report.

014/12 Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Gordon presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012, copy attached to these minutes.

Members agreed to accept the following recommendations:-

- a) Deputy Clerk to allocate 2x2 hours per month for funding application forms
- b) Hanging baskets not to be renewed for 2012/2013
- c) Grass cutting contract (savings around £2000)
- d) Provision of larger litter bin at the Sir Bobby Robson Park, Langley Park and to ask the volunteer litter picking team to visit the site on a monthly basis.
- e) No donations for the rest of this financial year.
- f) Publicity committee to look at the expenditure costs of producing the quarterly newsletter

015/12 Planning Committee

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

a)1/2011/0666/DMFP by Mr J Kane to raise roof level and alterations to side elevation and roof (resubmission) at 3 Ellemore Close, Langley Park

Decision – No objections

b)1/2011/0660/DMFP – item withdrawn

c)1/2011/0664/DMFP by Mr M Openshaw for erection of decking at rear of dwelling (retrospective) at 56 East Clere, Langley Park

Decision – No objections

016/12 Publicity Committee

Next edition of newsletter February/March to be printed and delivered in early February, committee looking at costings.

017/12 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Next AAP Board meeting to 11th January 2012 in Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 6.00pm

Next PCC meeting: - Saturday 21st January 2012 at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park commencing at 10.00am.

018/12 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 14th February 2012 in the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

**THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 100A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING DURING
CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF
THEY ARE PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS THERE COULD BE
DISCLOSURE OF THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 100.**

The meeting finished at 8.10 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 4